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THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD., LONDON.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Managers.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1900.

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號二十月二英港香

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 12,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 7,500,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO. KOBE.
NAGASAKI. LONDON.
LYONS. NEW YORK.
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.
BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.
TIENTSIEN. NEWCHWANG.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARIS BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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" S. CHIH, " Hongkong Manager.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. [11]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$11,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. STEPHENS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
David Meyer Moses, Esq.
E. Goetz, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupi, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.
The Hon. J. J. Kewick. P. Sachse, Esq.
A. McComachie, Esq. R. Shewan, Esq.
Chief Manager: Hongkong—Sir THOMAS JACKSON.
Manager: Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per cent per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent per annum.

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [19]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted,
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per cent, per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of 100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent, per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.
ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1869.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON. PEKING.
CHEFOO. PENANG.
CHINKIANG. SINGAPORE.
CHUNKING. SWATOW.
FOOCHOW. TIENSIN.
HANKOW.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH,
Advances made on approved securities:

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

5% " " 6 " 6 "

E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [14]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-

HOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNT at the Rate of a per cent per

annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [13]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Paid up Capital 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. D. Gillies, Esq.

Chow Tung Shing, Esq. J. T. Lauts, Esq.

Chief Manager: GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%

Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [18]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$4.50 per Cask of 275 lbs. Net ex Factory,

\$2.50 per Bag of 250 lbs.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [31]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c., Bengal	..... S. Barcham	.....	..... Noon, 17th Feb.	Freight or Passage
JAPAN	..... Rohilla	..... S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	..... About 17th Feb.	Freight or Passage
SHANGHAI	..... Coromandel	..... F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	..... About 17th Feb.	Freight or Passage
LONDON	..... Canton	..... C. F. Lockstone, R.N.R.	..... About 22nd Feb.	Freight or Passage
S'HAI & JAPAN	..... Java	..... G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	..... About 24th Feb.	Freight or Passage
KOBE	..... Candia	..... W. H. Haughton, R.N.R.	..... About 3rd Mar.	Freight only.

(See Special Advertisement.)

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [15]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS;
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Stearns will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 1st February.
BAVARIA	WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
WEIMAR	WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 30th May.
SACHSEN	THURSDAY, 14th June.
OLDENBURG	THURSDAY, 28th June.
BAVARIA	THURSDAY, 11th July.
STUTTGART	THURSDAY, 25th July.
KONIG ALBERT	THURSDAY, 9th August.
WEIMAR	THURSDAY, 23rd August.
PREUSSEN	THURSDAY, 6th September.

TELEGRAMS:—
TUESDAY, 1st February, 1900.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1900.

To-day's Advertisements.

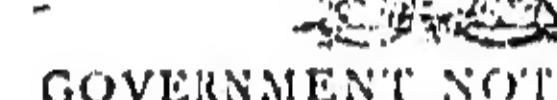
THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE
FIVE PERFORMANCES
OF
THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD,
OR
THE MERRYMAN AND HIS MAID,
BY
W. S. CHURCH & ARTHUR SULLIVAN,
TO-NIGHT,
(MONDAY), 12th February.
THURSDAY, 15th
SATURDAY, 17th
SATURDAY, 24th
MONDAY, 26th
Commencing each Evening at 8 P.M., precisely.
Dress Circle and Stalls \$3
Pit 1
Half-price to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police Uniform.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, CITY HALL, Daily at 10 A.M.

The BOXING OFFICE will be OPEN Daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. except on Race Days, when it will be OPEN from 10 A.M. to 12 NOON.

Late Trams will run 1 hour after the fall of the curtain.

H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [122b]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 35.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY,

the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [188b]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Mong-Kok-Tsu, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements.	Locality.	Surface in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Up-set Price.
1	1	ft. ft. ft. ft.			\$	\$
2	2	ft. ft. ft. ft.			\$	\$



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 37.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY,

the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., are published for general information.

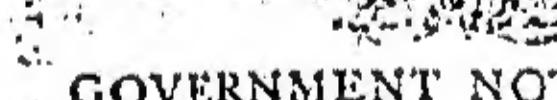
By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [189b]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements.	Locality.	Surface in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Up-set Price.
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2	2	ft. ft. ft. ft.			\$	\$



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 38.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY,

the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [190b]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Yau-ma-ti, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements.	Locality.	Surface in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Up-set Price.
1	1	ft. ft. ft. ft.			\$	\$
2	2	ft. ft. ft. ft.			\$	\$



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 39.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY,

the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3.45 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [190b]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900, at 3.45 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Yau-ma-ti, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN for one further term of 75 years.

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2	2	ft. ft. ft. ft.			\$	\$

To-day's Advertisements.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

FINAL FIGURES
FOR 1899.

THE Head Office of the Eastern Branch has now received a further Telegram giving the revised Figures for the past year, which show an increase, both in Assets and Surplus upon the previous year.

The final figures are:

ASSETS. £58,373,185.

SURPLUS. £21,732,808.

NEW BUSINESS, 1899. £2,354,548.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS, on 31st December. £219,670,088.

F. KIENE,
Acting Manager,
No. 9, Praya, Hongkong.

12th February, 1900. [186b]

Entitiation.



A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1811.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White Capsule 10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark 10.80

C.—WATSON'S ABELOUR-GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with name and Trade Mark 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENORCHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.

ABELOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine flavour.

E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong market.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

SHIELD MATCHES.

A T THE SEMI-FINALS and FINAL on the 17th February, the 3rd and the 10th March, respectively, all Seats not occupied by Members at the advertised time of kick-off will be sold at Fifty cents each; the proceeds will be given to the Shield Fund. Ladies will be admitted Free as usual. Members must show Tickets at Entrance as the Members' and Visitors' Books will not be available for Signature at these Matches.

F. BROWNE,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [187b]

DOUGLAS SHIPMAN COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."

Captain Hodges, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARAIK & CO., General Managers,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [181b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIAN,"

Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 16th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [182b]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ST. REGULUS,"

will be despatched for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [182b]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [187b]

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" have This Day been removed to No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Second Floor, (the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. POWELL & CO.) to which address all communications should be addressed.

ETH. F. SKERTCHLY, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1899.

NOTICE.

Francis Joseph Bailey to be Acting Captain, Superintendent of Police, Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, and Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. Inspector Alexander Mackie to be Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police and Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. Arthur Wimbolt Brewin to be member of the Legislative Council.

two hundred and thirty years will be required before action is taken, unless the partition of China becomes an accomplished fact before that date. We will believe in the great revolution when we see it in full swing, for as we have pointed out on former occasions, we do not

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1900.

BALL.

C. & "G." Co., R.W.F. teams met on the Hongkong Club and on Saturday last to decide the second-round of the Hongkong Challenge Shield. There were a good many spectators present and a lively interest was taken in the match from start to finish. It will be remembered that on a former occasion "G." Co. drew with Hongkong in a friendly game.

Both teams were well represented but the Company was slightly under strength, Lambert being laid up with a twisted ankle.

The teams formed up as under:

Hongkong.
—(Goals).
F. H. Kew.
(Backs).
Lucker, Pinckney.
(Halves).
Jenkins, Kew, Howard.
(Forwards).
Lowe, Moberly, Noble, Hancock, Danby.
Williams, Cheape, Boulton, Pugh, Jones.
(Forwards).
Davies, Ponnall, Lewis.
(Halves).
Jasper, Murray.
(Backs).
Evans.
(Goals).
"G." Co.

The Club won the toss, and Boulton started the ball in the direction of the bottom goal. Pugh got the ball from the centre but was pulled up by Jenkins, who secured and passed up to Lowe. The latter at once got away and some good passing ensued on the right wing. Murray however relieved for the soldiers, and Williams, securing the ball, got past all opposition by a fine run down and scored with a fast low shot, which completely baffled Kew, 5 minutes from the commencement.

On restarting the Club's forwards at once got away into the Fusilier's territory. Moberly had a good try for goal but his shot was too high and the ball sailed over the bar.

From the kick out, Ponnall captured the leather, and handed it over to Boulton, who took his forwards along in fine style towards their opponents' goal. Pugh secured, but was foiled by the right half when just looking dangerous. The Fusiliers were now pressing and certainly showed the better combination. Williams got the ball and centred to Boulton, the latter bashed the ball in, but Kew saved brilliantly. Then Pugh had a try, but the Club's custodian was alert and again saved. The soldiers however, were not to be denied, and from a scrimmage in front of goal, Boulton pegged another point by sending the ball into the net at close range.

On resuming play, Noble gave the ball to Danby, but Ponnall stopped the rush and the ball was returned into the Club's quarters. Lucker secured and some good play ensued in midfield. At last Hancock broke through and ran down the wing in fine style. Getting past Jasper, he sent in a good shot which Evans had some difficulty in stopping. Moberly got the ball and tried for goal, Murray missed his kick and the ball glanced off the post into the net, thus securing an easy goal for Hongkong.

Things were now looking up a bit for the Club, but they could not follow up their advantage and half time came with the score:-

"G." Co., R. W. F. 2 goals.

Hongkong. 1.

On changing ends, the Club seemed to wake up a bit and realize their position. For some minutes the ball was never out of the soldier's quarters. Plenty of good combination was seen amongst the civilian's forwards but their shooting was ineffective and Evans had no difficulty in keeping his charge clear. Lowe sent in a good shot but Murray secured and, being hard pressed, kicked the ball past the post thus giving the Club a corner.

Lowe placed the corner well, and a scrum-mage took place in the mouth of goal. Murray, however, relieved by heading the ball out and Boulton at once got away. The Fusiliers now had a look in. Williams got the leather and sent in a hard shot, which just skimmed the post. Kew took the goal kick, giving the ball to his brother at Half. The latter passed to Noble who again tested Evans's defence in goal. The soldier custodian, however, was alert and saved. A slight argument occurred at this period of the game. The linesman held that Evans in saving, ran more than the allotted two paces and ought to be penalised. The referee appealed to the linesman and then gave a foul against "G." Co. The decision was not well taken by the onlookers. The military element especially being loud in their disapprobation.

Jasper relieved brilliantly for the Fusiliers, and the latter had hard lines in not scoring. Boulton and Williams both missed splendid chances when the ball only wanted a slight touch to make a goal. The soldiers were now having the best of the play and were pressing when the whistle brought the game to a close with the score:-

"G." Co., R. W. F. 2 goals.

Hongkong Club 1.

COMMENTS.

It would be difficult to criticise any of the soldiers, as all played the game well in their positions.

Ponnall played a brilliant game at centre-half and was more than amatch for the opposing centre forward.

Evans played a good game in goal, but his work was fairly easy.

Lucker played a good game at back for the Club, but Pinckney was rather slow.

Kew played well in goal, and he could not be blamed for the two goals that were scored against him. Mr. Gerard acted as referee. Some of his decisions were decidedly unpopular.

THE NAVAL YARD EXTENSION.

The contract for the extension of the Naval Yard has been completed with a London firm. The proposed extension runs from Murray Pier to Arsenal street, and extends seawards about 400 feet from the new pier. The works consist of a Tidal Basin 80 acres in extent with over 2000 feet of inner berthing space and 1,100 feet of outer, the walls are straight with a depth of 30 ft. at low water so that ships can lie alongside. The War Department will have a large piece of ground opposite the Royal Engineers' Establishment with its basin and jetty. The dry dock will be over 4000 long and 120 ft. wide, stone lined throughout. The works are supposed to be completed in 4 years. Five English and one local firm (Messrs. Leigh and Orange) were asked to tender. All the home firms, bar one, sent representatives to Hongkong to enquire into the nature of the contract. The firm that did not do so obtained the contract, a telegram being received on the 9th inst. that Messrs. Pritchard, McFarlane, Lowther & Co. were the successful competitors. We believe the information on which the contract was made was derived solely from the Government offices, the price being fixed at a little less than a million sterling. We are pleased to say that the local firm came second on the list as regards cheapness, only losing the contract by a very small margin.

G. RESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.

THE COMING REVOLUTION.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

SIR.—A great revolution is brewing in China for the overthrow of the usurping Manchus. The seeds of rebellion have been sown broadcast and are already bearing fruit. Favourable responses have been received from the Provinces, and from nearly all the Foreign countries wherein our brethren dwell.

The year 1900 and the succeeding years will witness a great change in China, a change which with God's help, we trust will be welcome to the Foreign Powers, and beneficial to the vast and increasing trade of the Orient.

We are human and confess that the beginning will not be without its troubles and disappointments. We are a nation of 400,000,000, raw in certain respects, but in judging us, it must be remembered that iron ore can be smelted and then welded into polished, tempered steel.

Our leaders have been educated and trained abroad, and we have the sympathy and support of numerous influential friends in England, America and Japan.

Since the usurpation of the Manchus, the whole nation, led by its blind guides, has sunk deeper and deeper in the quagmire of corruption. To gratify her whims the ignorant and arrogant Empress Dowager has brought our ancient Empire to the very verge of ruin, and the deposition of Kuang Su emphasizes the personal and sinister influence of this wicked woman.

In justice to the Manchus and their supporters, should the Empire submit to being dictated to by a woman bad in every respect, personally as well as politically, she should be once for all determined to get rid of the scum which has gathered over and infected the whole body politic?

We have been organizing and waiting for the last two hundred and thirty years.

We gave the young Emperor Kuang Su a chance, believing that great things were in store for our people, but Heaven had told as though the actions of the Empress Dowager that the Manchus are doomed to destruction.

Since the Manchus are determined to keep us enslaved instead of raising us from the mire of close on three centuries of corruption and misrule, we have sworn to uphold them not and branch in obedience to the sacred call of Heaven.

We are alive to the fact that China, as represented by the present corrupt and rotten Government, is a sore and an obstruction in the path of civilization and progress.

Consequently it will be our duty to remove this sore, and, when the struggle has commenced, we trust Great Britain, The United States and Japan will stand by us, and send a helping hand.

We are certain the great and chivalrous English speaking peoples, who are always imbued with a high sense of honour and justice, will be pleased to afford us their support in our struggle for Liberty, Freedom and Reform.

We also take this opportunity of soliciting the help and friendly cooperation of the British, American and Japanese Press, which, we trust will not be in vain.

The payment of all existing National Loans will be guaranteed, and the "Open Door" Policy inaugurated by Great Britain and supported by the United States and Japan will be gladly welcomed by us.

We shall be glad to welcome any of our friends who may be anxious for active service, and will communicate with them, when expedient.

Thanking you for the insertion of this in your valuable paper,

Yours truly,
LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND REFORM,
Hongkong, February 9th, 1900.

UNNECESSARY CRUELTY.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

SIR.—A painful sight was witnessed on Saturday morning in Queen's Road East. A sailor clad in the garb of the U. S. Navy was being marched along the road towards the goal, handcuffed to a Chinaman and guarded by two Chinese police. The unfortunate man appeared to feel his position very keenly and it was painful to watch his efforts to walk ahead of his companion, as far as the handcuffs would allow. One is naturally indignant at such a sight and it may well be asked if it is necessary for the police to expose a white man to such a humiliating position in public. Moreover the man may be innocent of the offence for which he was in custody as it may fairly be assumed he was on his way from the Central Police Station to take his trial at the Police Court. In any case it seems a needless act of cruelty, treating a prisoner in that way, and it is to be hoped the Captain Superintendent of Police will give orders that in future no white man in custody be handcuffed to a Chinaman unless the circumstances render that course so necessary that there is no other method of dealing with him available.

Yours etc., EUROPEAN,
Hongkong, February 12th, 1900.

THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF A GOOD SOLDIER'S LIFE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

DEAR SIR.—As you have on previous occasions found space for my poor contributions on military matters I hope you will allow me to say a few words concerning that most excellent article you published last Saturday on "The Economic Value of a Good Soldier's Life." My first thought on its perusal was "How civilians found out that there are two kinds of soldiers, good and bad?" I have always been led to believe that all soldiers were "ne'er do-wells." Only a soldier embodying the sincerest sympathy and disdain." I am pleased to see, therefore, that at last it is being brought home to the British public that all soldiers are not bad and I am now living in hopes of meeting civilians who are not convinced that all soldiers are drunkards because they happen to see a "red coat" (more conspicuous, on account of its colour) drunk in the streets. But let this thought pass. I fully agree with the writer of the article as regards the value of a good in comparison with a bad soldier. I go even further than he does as he only takes him in time of war. Perhaps a short conversation I once had with my father, an old soldier of 35 years' service, will better help to bring the true value of a good soldier before the public's attention. When I first enlisted I was complaining to him what unproductive labour a soldier had to perform. My father answered "Not at all. You'll labour others to perform their duties, in peace and security." It is the sight of our good soldiers garrisoning our outposts of trade, performing their duties conscientiously and well, that has been the cause of England's commercial supremacy. Trade follows the flag, and security ensures by our army and navy. When this is taken into account I am certain that the £300 the writer reckons as the value of a soldier's life is far too little. In fact it is priceless.

The writer promises a further article on "How to obtain good soldiers" so I will not encroach on that subject, only remarking that he has already taken a step in the right direction by bringing so forcibly and ably before the public's attention that there are two kinds of

soldiers and that the inferior class are not the cheapest. Thanking you for this insertion.

I am etc.,

M. H. W.,
Hongkong, February 12th, 1900.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Directors to the ninth ordinary annual general meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Offices of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, on Saturday, 10th March at noon.

To the Shareholders, the National Bank of China Limited.

Gentlemen, the Directors have now the pleasure to submit to you the accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1899. The gross profits are \$21,309.35, which after deducting all charges amounting to \$100,572.31, leaves the net profit of \$103,236.27. This the Directors propose to deal with as follows:—To place \$21,102.33 to Capital Reserve Fund, bringing that account up to a final sum of \$161,973.35, to pay a dividend of \$1.36 per share (in London 2/8) absorbing \$55,016.08, to place \$17,533.35 to Reserve Fund, and to carry forward \$6,581.07.

Mr. Gillies retires in rotation from the Head Office Board and Mr. Weston from the London Committee, and being eligible for re-election succeeds accordingly.

The Accounts at the Head Office have been audited by Messrs. J. H. Cox and W. Hutton Potts, and in London by Messrs. Deloitte, Dovet, Grifiths & Co., Chartered Accountants.

Your Obedient Servant

CHAN KIT SHAN,
Chairman.

FEBRUARY,

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

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constructed round the Island to commemorate the 60th year's reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1887.

2. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Wan Kam Tsung, alias Wan Tsing Kai, alias Wan Ming Tsang.

3. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Public Health Ordinance, 1897.

4. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the imposition of fees for the issue by the Government of Hongkong of certain certificates to certain Chinese.

5. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the establishment of a Hospital for infectious diseases in connection with the Tong Wu Hospital.

6. A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

MONDAY, 18th.

(About) N. L. H. A. steamer "Babelsberg", leaves for Havre and Hamburg.

O. S. S. Co. steamer "Pervius", leaves for Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 19th.

MONDAY, 19th.

PRINCE HENRY APPOINTED AN AUSTRIAN ADMIRAL.

A Vienna dispatch of December 30th states that Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Prince Henry of Prussia an admiral in the Austrian Navy.

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Intimations.

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, the following Resolution was passed:

That a CALL of One Dollar per Share upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 3rd day of March, 1900.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 3rd day of March, 1900, at the rate of \$10 per centum per annum, upon all calls remaining unpaid after the said 3rd day of March, 1900, up to the actual date of payment, of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By order of the Board of Directors,

W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [130]

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
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A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMAN-
SONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY,
the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1900. [176b]

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Hongkong, 17th November, 1899. [12]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF INDIA ... Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th February.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN ... Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th March.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1900.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gullie (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama) To-morrow, 13th Feb., at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama) Saturday, 10th Mar., at Noon.

Cobalt (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama) Thursday, 5th April, at Noon.

The Company's Steamship

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Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900. [12]

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CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHISON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

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Thyra ... 3,406 about | Mar. 6

Lady Jolley ... 3,406 about | Mar. 31

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1900.

DECREES.

On the 6th February, we appoint the 24th of February, at 5 o'clock p.m., to be the time for the Heir Apparent to begin his studies under the Grand Preceptors Ch'ung Yi and Hsi Tung.

(2) The Governor of Shensi is hereby commanded to direct Kao Keng-en, Taotai of the Shien-an Intendancy of said province, to come up to Peking once for an Imperial audience.

(3) Jung Lu, Generalissimo of the Armies of the North, who was Sung Ching, Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Szechuan and Commander of the Left Corps of the Grand Army, in spite of continued ill-health has reported for duty at the expiration of his sick leave which is very plucky for an officer of his great age and infirmities. Sung Ching, however, prays that some one be appointed as Vice-Commander of his Corps in order to assist him in his strenuous duties. We commend this action of Sung Ching, which proves his loyalty and devotion to the Throne, and in deference to his wish we hereby appoint General Ma Yu-k'un to be Vice-Commander of the said Left Corps in subdivision to Sung Ching.—*N. C. D. News.*

THE SHANGHAI SOUTH AFRICAN WAR FUND.

The sum of £8,000 has been remitted from Shanghai to London in aid of the above fund and the following letter has been despatched—

Shanghai, 7th February, 1900.

My Lord Mayor—I have the honour to inform you that a Public meeting, over which I presided, was held in the Lyceum Theatre have been on the 7th of December, and an influential Committee of British residents was elected to collect subscriptions for the South African War Fund. My appeal was very generously responded to, and, in addition to the subscriptions received from firms and individuals, several entertainments have been given for the benefit of the Fund. Lists were also sent to some of the outports. The funds in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wade Gardner of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, have enabled us to make a telegraphic remittance of £8,000, to be handed to Your Lordship by the Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London. This sum is to be distributed as follows:—

Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association £6,000
Patriotic Fund 900
Lloyd's Patriotic Fund 250
British Red Cross Society 250

£8,000

I am to state that the community desires that this money should not be capitalised, but should be expended on immediate necessities. The Fund still remains open and further remittances will be made to your Lordship from time to time. The outports which contribute are Souchow, Nanking, Ningpo, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Wuhu, Hangchow, and Ichang.

(Signed) PELHAM WARREN, Consul-General.

The Right Honourable
The Lord Mayor.

DEATH OF MR. W. GORDON.

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. W. Gordon, of the firm of Gordon and Co., which occurred early yesterday morning at Miyashita, says the *Japan Mail* of 1st inst. On Saturday, when Mr. Gordon started on a country trip, he was apparently in good health and spirits. It is believed, from the wording of the telegram announcing his decease, that the cause of death was heart disease. Mr. Gordon was a Scotman, born at Keith, Banffshire, in 1850. He had lived in Shanghai for some time before he came to Japan. He was some years in the employ of Reynell and Co., of Yokohama; and in 1892 took over their business. He had been a director of various limited liability companies. Mr. Gordon had returned quite recently from a trip to Scotland. He will have many mourners in this community, for he was a man of the highest character and the most lovable disposition.

THE DOUGLAS AND THE OSAKA SHOSEN S. S. COMPANIES.

It has been already reported that the Douglas S. S. Company has determined to abstain from further competition with the Osaka Shoson Kaisha on the Formosa-Amoy line. Japanese journals now allege that the former company has approached the Osaka folk with a proposal to sell three of its steamers—presumably those employed hitherto upon the Formosan line—but that the Directors of the Osaka Company are not inclined to consider the proposition unless its rivals consent to dispose of all their vessels, some 6 or 7 in number. That would involve the surrender of the Douglas Company's service to Foochow, which is understood to be a paying business. It is stated that Messrs. Samuel and Company are acting on behalf of the Douglas Company in this matter.—*Japan Mail.*

THE "NIPPON" ON THE WAR.

The *Nippon* has collected and published a number of extracts from European newspapers, which go to prove that the South African Republics are receiving substantial, though non-official, assistance from nearly all the countries of Continental Europe, notably France, Russia and Germany. Our Tokyo contemporary comes to the conclusion that Great Britain is fighting, not merely the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, but the Transvaal and the Orange Free State reinforced by all the leading Powers of Europe, and that unless England makes up her mind to seize Delagoa Bay, and, effectually, check the inflow of men and material of war into South Africa, the *Evening Post*'s comment will be verified, "God only knows when the war will end." It certainly does appear that Portugal is wholly incompetent to enforce her rights as a neutral. She may be acting with entire good faith, but it'll be that a body of Transvaalers have crossed her territory for the purpose of attacking Rhodesia, there can no longer be any question that her neutrality is a myth. The British Government has of course given this subject the fullest consideration, and has been guided, by reasons of sound policy, in the very conservative attitude hitherto maintained towards Portugal. Out-siders can not conjecture what might be involved in a strict enforcement of Great Britain's belligerent right against Portugal's perfidiousness, but "out-siders" can see very plainly what serious embarrassment is caused by leaving Delagoa open to the free entry of supplies for the use of the Transvaal. The result of the recent complication with Germany about the *Bunderholz* affair seems to be a distinct recognition of the principle that "neutral" vessels bound for a neutral port are not liable to seizure by belligerents upon the high seas. If that doctrine be practically admitted, then it follows that Formosa must remain an open gate for the use of the Transvaalers' pack-door, through which Continental Europe can clasp hands with England's enemies. But if Lorenzo Marques a neutral port? Its authorities certainly appear to have ceased to discharge the obligations devolving upon a neutral *Japan Mail*.

SIR WILLIAM BUTLER AND THE WAR.

THE FULLEST INQUIRY COURTED.

The London correspondent of the *Unionist Western Mail* writes: "Public opinion appears to be veering more in favour of Sir William Butler. There is now a general desire that the allegations which have been made against him should be thoroughly examined, and that his own assertions should be put to the strict test of investigation." I understand from a well-informed source that Sir William insists, and is prepared to bring documentary proof to support it, that during his tenure of the command in South Africa he fully advised the authorities of all the preparations which the Boers were making, and also pointed out that steps should be taken to counteract them. If supplied, or caused to be supplied, the War Office with copies of invoices showing what orders had been given by the Transvaal Government, with detailed specification of every gun that was imported into the country, and also the actual cheques which passed for their payment. 'My views as a politician,' he is reported to have said, 'had nothing whatever to do with my duty to my Queen and country. I was an officer in her Majesty's service, receiving her pay, and I court the fullest inquiry into my conduct during the time I held command.' That a strict and impartial inquiry will be made I have high authority for stating, not only into the conduct of Sir William Butler, but into the entire management of the War Department, which has left so much undone that it ought to have done. In the meantime condemnation or praise of Sir W. Butler's conduct may safely be left until after that period. His political indiscretions are manifest; his conduct of military affairs, has yet to be put to the test of inquiry."

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Letters for the following persons lie unclaimed at the Post Office:—

Arnold, A. K.
Angier, A. G.
Ah Fong, Miss
Amoy, Fanny
Alekseff, M.
Armstrong, A.
All, Miss
Armsmecker
Arab, N. M.
Arnold, E. W.
Aggivie, A. B.
Annes, Dr. V.
Armar, J.
Arandes, Mr.
Baronian, Z. S.
Bennet, J.
Bennemer, Mr.
Blake, R. E.
Baring, T.
Bambagi, E. M.
Biby, Angan
Ballard, Anna
Brennes, C.
Burnett, L. C.
Bruske, G.
Buckley
Bambridge, Miss
Bloom, Rosa
Berthier, T.
Bewle, C. E.
Barker, A. M.
Bass, J. P.
Brawne
Belys, M.
Bourdon
Bundroff
Bridge, G. E.
Breitig, H.
Brooks, W.
Bury, H. H.
Black, Mrs. Mountfield
Bunnenfeld, L.
Boogowski
Bohn, Thubbs
Crook, Miss H. C.
Cappa, W. L.
Castron, Miss E.
Caw, Miss A.
Cliffon, G.
Cinevala, S. F.
Crook, Miss N. C.
Cutter, Miss R.
Cameron, D. C.
Chambers, E. H.
Crony, H.
Cox, Miss M. J.
Chubb, J. S.
Chaplin, Miss
Chambers, Capt. J.
Carlen, G. J.
Clausen, F.
Cout, J. B.
Cranton
Charles, Mrs. J.
Ducat, Capt. C. M.
Delen, Mrs. L.
David, M. W.
Dandenespa
Dauncey, C.
Dean, W. A.
Dalton, C.
Dirke, R.
Davies, Capt. F.
Devaney, M.
Doak, Mr.
Davies, Miss A.
Doe, A. H.
Dalton, C.
Donahue, Miss O.
Dobberke, H. H.
David E. C.
Elias, A.
Edwards, L.
Ferrant, Mons.
Forster, R. C. H.
Fong, Hal
Franklin, C. S. P.
France, A. G.
Frutbortor, H.
Goldshly, S.
Galocgy, Josephine von
Glover, Mr.
Guentz
Gracia, L.
Galey
Ghyke, Mr. and Mrs.
Gibbons, Mr. and
Mrs. E. S.
Genni, Mrs.
Gusten, C.
Green, Robt.
Goldie
Gaus, S. M.
Hesketh, S. B.
Hardouin, C.
Hough, C. C.
Roistadt, L.
Hamilton, Miss E.
Hopkins, R. G.
Hoony, C.
Hoffman, G. M.
Hutchison, G. W.
Hall, J. A.
Halseter, H.
Hamilton, Mr.
Hamilton, Capt. E.
Hope, F. C.
Hee, Ah
Harman, G.
Hill, Rev. J. R.
Hall, W.
Hall, Capt. C.
Hall, G. C.
Jayran, Miss C. G.

Kiss, G. G.
Lanka, J.
Lambie & Dodge, J. E.
Linse, M. H.
Lalouere
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